

Many Demands on Pupil's Pocketbook

High School Student Faces Long List of Fees, Dues, and Subscriptions, If He Would Keep Up With Mates in Social and Athletic Interests.

Are demands upon high school pupils for social, athletic and other school interests so heavy that high school attendance of children is a burden on families of limited means?

That they are has been the assertion of parents and of teachers themselves. To shed light on this question a list of the contributions expected (though not demanded) from high school pupils was obtained by inquiry at the five Washington high schools.

Teachers, as well as pupils, suffer from the frequent requests for contributions for many and various school interests, it was asserted by some members of the faculties of these schools.

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School interests to which Washington high school pupils are asked to contribute, in addition to laboratory, gymnasium, locker, and other required fees, form an imposing list. Among these social, athletic and charitable enterprises are the following:

School paper.
Athletic association.
Thanksgiving collection for the Associated Charities.
Collection for benefit of school playgrounds.
Amateur plays.
School luncheons.
Class dues.
Cadet company dances.
Commencement fees for flowers and music.

Class dues for seniors.
This list does not exhaust the various school interests and enterprises. For their support contributions are asked of pupils in all the high schools. In addition, various high schools have special features. It was explained by principals of high schools that none of the contributions are compulsory. But the pupils feel it imperative to take some part in school activities, or they find themselves under a self-confessed stigma of poverty, it is asserted.

Expenses Are Numerous.
Each of the high schools has its school paper. The subscription for the paper usually is fifty or seventy-five cents. The baseball, football, and track interests are supported by membership fees in the athletic associations of the various schools. These yearly dues, including admission to the games, range from \$1 to \$2. In rare pupils do not join the association they must pay regular entrance fees at the high school games.
Of course, pupils taking part in athletic activities must purchase special suits and shoes, but com-

paratively few boys take part in competitive athletics. Membership in cadets is compulsory, however, by act of Congress. And the cadets find their expenses particularly heavy at this time of the year. Daily drills are held, usually at the White Lot in preparation for competitive drill, and pupils must pay their car fare from the grounds and back.

At Business High School this car fare was raised by a new method. The members of the company collect fees from cadets absent from drill or assess members of the company for incidental expenses. Usually medals are given for excellence in drill, and for these medals the members of the company must pay, as well as for the badges got out by each company as the competitive drill approaches. White gloves for drill is another expense to which the cadets are subjected in addition to the original expenditure of about \$14 for a uniform and cap.

Collection for Playgrounds.
It was explained that the collection for school playgrounds was made necessary by the failure of Congress to appropriate funds for their maintenance. Each school is given the choice of taking an envelope collection or of giving an entertainment to raise funds for its contribution. This arrangement applies to grade as well as to high schools. Half of the money so raised goes to the school direct and half to a general fund controlled by the superintendent.

McKinley Manual Training School has a rifle club, supported by dues of its members, and it, like Central, raises considerable money each spring by a luncheon. McKinley and Business recently gave plays. The latter school raised more than \$100 at this play. Expenses are especially heavy upon all members of the senior

AIDS NAVY RELIEF



MRS. LINDLEY M. GARRISON, Wife of the Secretary of War, One of the Patronesses of the Navy Relief Society Ball to Be Held in New York at the Biltmore Hotel May 15.

class at this season. Class fees are collected to defray incidental class expenses. Class pits are purchased by practically every pupil of the graduating classes. These cost from \$2 to \$5. Class night assessments are levied on each senior, and if a class wishes to have a social, it must be levied to cover such expenses. Such incidentals are optional with the classes, but a majority invariably has been found to favor them. And the ruling of the majority as to class assessments is binding upon all the members of the class.

Girls of the senior class at Central entertain the cadets of that school on the last evening of the competitive drill at a luncheon, and a similar plan prevails at the other schools, either the girls or the teachers contributing to the cost of the affair.

Social Clubs Abound.

Social clubs also abound among members of the upper classes, though these are not directly recognized by the schools, and meet at the homes of their members. Special clubs also exist at various schools. McKinley and Business have orchestras, while Business has a College Club, which gives dances in the school gymnasium.

Inquiry among the grade schools elicited the information that no entertainments, clubs, or interests are permitted in them, nor is money asked for in any way, save the two collections, one at Thanksgiving for the Associated Charities and the other for the school playgrounds.

DENIES COURT RIGHT TO FIND LAW INVALID

Hinebaugh Asserts Constitution Does Not Empower Judges to Overrule Congress.

Advocating the Progressive doctrine of the recall of judicial decisions, Congressman Hinebaugh, of Illinois, delivered a speech in the House during the debate on the pension appropriation bill in which he declared that "I contend that nowhere in the Constitution is the Supreme Court authorized to decide an act of Congress unconstitutional. The Supreme Court for years claimed no such power and made no attempt to exercise it."

Mr. Hinebaugh continued:

"The recall of judicial decisions is condemned by its enemies without rhyme or reason. They say it would lead to anarchy. That it is a new-fangled idea of Theodore Roosevelt, and like all other theories of government advocated by Roosevelt and the Progressive party, is inimical to the liberties of the people regulated by law."

"Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood in the human body, was almost burned at the stake by the enemies of human progress. The direct primary, the initiative, the referendum, the recall, equal suffrage, and the short ballot have been, and still are, bitterly fought by the enemies of progress in government, by men who fear the people, and yet those theories of government are as certain to become the practical means under which our people are to be governed as it is certain that our blood does circulate through our bodies."

"The solemn truth is we have too many courts and too much judge-made law. It requires as much heart and brain for a judge to decide the fate of a poor devil charged with the theft of a loaf of bread as it does to determine what shall be done with the millionaire thief whose manipulations of watered stocks have brought anguish and ruin to many homes."

Inspector Boardman's Condition Is Serious

The condition of Inspector Robert H. Boardman, chief of detectives, who was taken suddenly ill Thursday night, was still regarded as serious today.

Several months ago Inspector Boardman suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, but had recovered sufficiently to attend to his duties Thursday night, after leaving the office, he was attacked with uremia, and was seized with convulsions. He was unconscious most of yesterday, but regained consciousness later in the day.

Anacostia, Hyattsville

ANACOSTIA.

Building operations took a big jump in Anacostia during the past week. Many permits were issued for new work, and plans are being prepared for contemplated structures. John Madigan has completed extensive repairs to two residences in W street, near Shannon place. T. P. Williamson has completed repairs to his home at 261 Nichols avenue. Improvements are being made at 124 V street. Several new hangar-like buildings will be erected at Bradbury Heights, and the work on the new school there has been completed. In Fairlawn several lots were purchased the past week, and it is the intention of the purchasers to erect homes there in the near future. Homes for Herman Wilber and Edward Aiken, in High street, have been completed, and are being occupied.

The Rev. W. O. Roome, Jr., rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, delivered a lecture on church history last evening.

Harry Dewalt, an employee of the navy yard, is confined to his home with an injured foot.

G. H. I. and Oxon Hill formed the attraction yesterday in the Potomac League's baseball game at the hospital grounds. Oxon Hill lost, 4 to 9. Today Fairlawn and Congress Heights will meet on the Anacostia diamond.

Children of the Van Buren School served luncheon yesterday in the main corridor of the building to a large number, to assist in swelling the fund for the playgrounds. Mrs. N. B. Croswell, principal of the school, was in charge.

Hitchcock hall, at the Government Hospital for the Insane, was the scene of the entertainment last evening for the inmates and employees.

The men of Emmanuel Church parish are working up plans for the country circus and carnival to be held on the evenings of May 23, 24, and 25. It is to be a re-creation of an old-fashioned country one-act circus in every respect.

HYATTSVILLE.

The Southern Maryland Fair Association has sold its property near Upper Marlboro to a Baltimore syndicate headed by James O'Hara, which will put the track in condition to hold a ten-day race meeting about June 6. It is understood that the promoters intend building a mile course and holding thirty-day races each year. The price paid for the property was \$10,000.

A comedy playlet entitled "The 10-40 West and Conductor 55" will be given in the Masonic Hall on the evening of May 15 by the Hy-Ber-Riv Christian Endeavor Players.

The public school officials and teachers are busy making preparations for the reception of those who are to participate in the "Educational Rally Day."

to be held here on May 15. Pupils from the schools of the country to take part in an elaborate program. The day will start with a parade in charge of teachers, headed by a band. During the day talks and addresses will be made by Dr. R. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, and B. K. Purdum, assistant State superintendent of education. The marshal of the parade will be S. C. Sturgis, principal of the Hyattsville school. The exhibits of work will be in charge of C. C. Merrick, and F. Bernard Gwynn of the Baden High School will have charge of the demonstration of school games and athletics.

George W. Colderstroth, well known in Washington, has secured a liquor license and will open a place near Boone's Hill on the Marlboro pike in Spaulding's district.

The Rev. Mr. Turner, of Washington, will preach at the First Presbyterian Church at both morning and evening services tomorrow.

The Belleville Grange will hold a social evening tonight in the Grange hall at Belleville.

The Thirty-fourth Street Christian Church of Mt. Rainier, the Rev. Henry L. Ice, pastor, will observe "Mother's Day" tomorrow at both the Bible school and morning church service.

ROCKVILLE.

The Rev. Samuel R. White officiated at the marriage yesterday of Miss Nettie E. Jackson and Thomas Gary, both of Rockville, Md. They left for Washington immediately afterward.

William Johnson, colored, who says his home is in Washington, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Crismond on a charge of the larceny of chickens. He had a number of hens in a basket with him.

John Miles, colored, was arrested by Sheriff Peyton Whalen on a charge of taking a valuable horse from the stable on the farm of Lloyd Davis, a Washington banker, near Montrose. The horse was found near Bethesda and a saddle, which was also taken, was found alongside the road.

At the annual meeting of the Potomac Presbyterian Missionary Society officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. N. H. Price, of Baltimore; vice president, Mrs. Beattie, of Washington; secretary, Miss Lula McFadden, of Baltimore; treasurer, Miss Mary Weddell, of Washington; secretary of assembly home missions, Mrs. J. H. Dorrice, of Washington; secretary of literature, Mrs. McQuincy, of Hillsdale, Md.; secretary of home mission study, Miss Nellie Floirney, of Bethesda; secretary of local home missions, Mrs. A. G. Pinkerton, of Walbrook, Md.; secretary of foreign missions, Miss Rose Douglas, of Aldie, Va.; secretary of young people's work, Miss Bertha Enderlie, of Washington.

EASTERN STAR PICKS ALEXANDRIA MAN

Henry K. Field Is Elected Worthy Grand Patron of Grand Chapter in Virginia.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 8.—Henry K. Field, of this city, was elected worthy grand patron of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star in the State of Virginia, yesterday afternoon, at the annual meeting in Newport News. Mr. Field is also grand junior warden of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia. Mr. Field and Nevels S. Greenaway, worthy patron of Martha Washington Chapter, returned this morning from Newport News and the remainder of the Alexandria delegation will return tomorrow.

The unveiling of the tablet, commemorating the historical events which have taken place in Alexandria, yesterday afternoon drew a large crowd of distinguished visitors, among them William Jennings Bryan and Mrs. Bryan. The address of the day was made by former State Senator Lewis H. Mather in place of Hon. Robert E. Lee, of Ravensworth, who was unable to be present on account of a death in his family.

The Alexandria Hospital fund is steadily climbing. The subscriptions now total \$28,106.

Mother's Day will be observed in the churches tomorrow. Special sermons appropriate to the subject will be preached by the Rev. W. P. Watson, D. D., at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. G. A. Luttrell, at Trinity Methodist Church, and the Rev. C. R. Strauss, at the Methodist Protestant Church.

Judge J. B. T. Thornton, in the circuit court yesterday, refused to confirm the sale of the property of the Emerson Engine Company at public auction two weeks ago. The commissioners will be directed to re-auction the property.

Thomas McDaniels, a Wild West rider in a carnival company, was fined \$20 in police court today for carrying a concealed weapon. He threatened to shoot up a saloon in the northeastern section of the city, according to Policeman Kerns, who arrested him.

Guy E. Kasey was the winner last night of the Reinecker reading contest, awarded to the best reader in the Theological Seminary of Virginia.

A number of Alexandria nobles of the Mystic Shrine will leave this afternoon for Atlanta to attend the meeting of the Imperial Council. E. E. Downham, imperial representative of Acco Temple, has gone to Richmond, where he will assist in entertaining the visiting Shriner who stop off in that city.

Forty members of the Odd Fellows lodge and allied organizations will leave here tomorrow morning in a special car on the Southern railway for Lynchburg, where they will attend the meeting of the grand lodge of the State.

The final dance of the season of the Boys' and Girls' German Club was held last night in the Elks' Auditorium. It was a fancy dress ball and was attended by a large number of spectators, in addition to the children who danced.

The State corporation commission has granted a charter to the Peeps Amusement Company, Inc., of this city, with a capital stock of \$200 to \$250,000. W. A. Boyd, of Washington, is president, and B. F. Vernon, of Washington, secretary.

Survivors Commemorate Loss of Civil War Craft

A half century after the United States gunboat Commodore Jones was blown up by a Confederate torpedo at Turkey Bend, James river, Va., below Richmond, Capt. Horace C. Whitworth, engineer-in-chief, U. S. R. C. S., retired, celebrated the anniversary of the loss of his ship with a dinner at his apartment in the Manor House.

Captain Whitworth and Lieut. Col. A. J. Gordon Kane are the only surviving members of the craft, which went down on May 6, 1864. At that time Colonel Kane was master's mate in the navy and was promoted shortly after the event to ensign for meritorious service.

The veterans met for the first time in fifty years, at the dinner and talked over old times. There were twenty-three killed and forty-eight wounded in the destruction of the vessel, and since then all the others have died.

Pair of New Tan Shoes Proves Boy's Downfall

A pair of new tan shoes which George Watson, a fifteen-year-old colored probationer of the Juvenile Court, was wearing last night, led to his arrest on a charge of having burglarized the shoe store of Simon Goldenberg, 1138 Seventh street northwest.

Detective Barbee and Policeman Livingston, of the Second precinct, were walking along Seventh street when their attention was attracted to Watson and his new shoes. Barbee asked the boy where he got the shoes. The boy's answer was not entirely satisfactory, so the officers had him take one of the shoes off and discovered Goldenberg's mark on the inside.

At the boy's home in N street northwest the police say they recovered three other pairs of shoes taken from the store, which was entered several nights ago by breaking the glass in a rear window.



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